

## **Lt. Governor John Garamendi Joins the California State Fair in Salute to California's First Responders**

**Ceremony honors efforts of local, state and national law enforcement and emergency services personnel, as well as the Armed Forces and veterans, during California State Fair's Annual First Responders' Day**

**SACRAMENTO - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi joined a State Fair tribute to local, state and national law enforcement agencies, emergency services providers, Armed Forces members and veterans Tuesday during the annual First Responders' Day.**

Garamendi, who as a legislator authored law creating emergency medical services in California 27 years ago, described the critical need for the state to support first responders and to ensure funding for the education and training of these indispensable public servants.

The Center Stage event also featured a special tribute to California's fallen veterans. "The loss of these brave men and women resonates deeply in the hearts of the people of California," Garamendi said. "It is important that we never forget the sacrifices made by members of our military, as well as their families. Those who put their lives at risk in service to our nation deserve the highest level of respect and support."

The Lt. Governor is working on initiatives to ensure that California's service members and veterans can readily access and receive all services and benefits to which they are entitled. He recently appointed retired Navy Captain and Purple Heart Recipient Wade Sanders as his Senior Advisor for Military and Veterans Affairs. Sanders will assist the Lt. Governor in developing and implementing solutions for service members and veterans.

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